

MASONS STILL BUSY

Although Bazaar has been in Progress A Week it Continues to Attract Large Attendance.

The attendance at the Masonic Bazaar was much larger on Saturday night than on any night during the week and was designated as Firemen's Night. Tonight will be Elks' Night and tomorrow night will be given over to the High School students.

Wednesday night will be 'Suffrage Night,' and an attractive program has been arranged by the Alexandria Equal Suffrage League for the occasion. The speaker of the evening will be Mrs. Thompson W. Burch, wife of the well-known Washington physician. Mrs. Burch was the organizer of the big suffrage rally recently held in Atlantic City.

Much interest still continues in the Silver Loving Cup, donated by President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railroad, for presentation to the most popular railroad man in attendance at the Fair. The vote to date is: L. O. Hardin, 102; A. J. Ross, 130; E. F. Ticer, 102; R. W. Golds-worthy, 83; E. H. Kemper, 55; S. L. McEstes, 19; K. L. Lambeth, 13; E. Fuller, 9; C. E. Dave, 4; C. R. Keith, 2; W. H. F. Finks, 6; J. W. Garber, 1; J. F. Stephenson, 1.

The following is the list of donations received since last published in the Gazette, of last Friday:

One dozen button knives; 1-2 dozen razors, 1 box oil; 1 dozen saw-ball scrapers, William E. Bain; Talcum Powder, J. A. Denealt; Cab-bage, Parker Brothers; Hoag's Kitchen Cabinet, Frank Michaelbach; Butter, Fox River Creamery Com-pany, Washington; Butter, Sachs Golden Company; Lettuce and celery, Henden Company, Washington; Check for \$3.00 and ham, from Patma Lodge No. 196, Upperville, Va.

The contest for the loving cup is growing more and more animated each night as new candidates enter the field of competition. Much silent work, "Pussy-footing," as it were, for votes outside is also going on. Competitors for the prize are also working with zest in Washington and some surprises are looked for in the near future. A prominent railroad official states that the contest will be carried from one end of the Southern system to the other, and that if local competitors desire to retain the trophy in Alexandria they had better get busy and hustle.

Mr. Harrison is a descendant of the celebrated Fairfax family. The Hon. William Fairfax, of Belvoir, or the White House, just below Mount Vernon, was his lineal forebear, and his ancestry descended thence through Bryan, Eight Lord Fairfax of Mount Eagle and on down in direct descent. The old family mansion Mt. Eagle, is still standing on the ridge just South of Hunting Creek, and can be plainly seen from some sections of Alexandria.

Lord Bryan Fairfax, one time Rector of Christ Church, is buried in Ivy Hill Cemetery where a simple monument marks his grave. His son Ferdinand, was a member of Wash-ington Lodge and attended Wash-ington's funeral. These interests in the historic facts bring the President of the Southern in very close and sentimental relation with our old city which was the home of both his lineal and collateral ancestors.

Several months ago Washington Lodge permitted Mr. Harrison, to have a copy of a painting of Lord Fairfax, made for his private residence Belvoir, in Fauquier county, which estate was named after the ancestral home on the Potomac. Mr. Harrison, at the time expressed the most profound appreciation of the courtesy extended by the Lodge, with assurance that he would return the favor if opportunity presented itself. The presentation of this loving cup, a magnificent and costly specimen of artistic skill, is conclusive proof of his feeling in the matter. The trophy is worthy of the donor and in the light of past events should animate contestants to vigorous rivalry to obtain it. It will always form a connecting link between the present and the past and remind us that it was this influential Fairfax family that took the boy Washington from the

DEATH OF T. F. CHAPMAN

Aged and Well Known Resident of Lower Fairfax Died Yesterday Afternoon After Long Illness

Thomas F. Chapman, one of the best known residents of the country adjacent to Alexandria, passed away yesterday afternoon at his home in Lower Fairfax. Mr. Chapman was about 75 years old and had suffered a long and tedious illness with much patience and fortitude.

Mr. Chapman was born in Maryland, and almost opposite to his later home on the Virginia side of the Potomac. He was for many years senior warden of Old Pohick church and indefatigable in all matters appertaining to the welfare of the community in which he lived.

Among other surviving relatives are Thomas F. C. Cochran and Miss Fanny Cochran, son and daughter of the deceased, who made their home with him, and another daughter, Mrs. Sutherland, of Washington. The funeral services will be conducted in Old Pohick church on next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. S. A. Wallis, president of the Alexandria Theological Seminary, and the Rev. Dr. Mellichampe, rector of the church.

PARENT TEACHERS' MEETING.

Mrs. C. E. Dare Elected President and Mrs. Harry Priest Vice-President.

The initial meeting of the West End Parent Teachers' Association for the school year 1916-17, held recently was well attended.

It was primarily a meeting of re-adjustment, after the break of the summer months. Only a little routine business was done, such as changing the day of meeting from the second Wednesday to the second Tuesday of each month, and the election of officers, which resulted in Mrs. C. E. Dare, being made president, Mrs. Harry Priest, vice president, and Mrs. William King secretary.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the two retiring officers, Mrs. Charles Powers and Mrs. Julian Chauncey, for the earnest and efficient manner in which the affairs of the association had been handled. At the next meeting committees will be appointed and work mapped out for the further improvement of the West End playground an extending the lines of the association's work.

Samble if n' o's are walks of life, gave him his first lucrative employment, and started him up the ladder of fame and fortune. Mt. Eagle, home of Mr. Harrison's ancestor Lord Bryan Fairfax was the last private residence visited by Gen. Washington, before he died, and Bryan Fairfax and his son Ferdinand were the last visitors at Mount Vernon before the death of the General.

The ladies of Alexandria-Washington Lodge will continue to serve luncheon at noon and a lunch also at six o'clock each day.

On Saturday evening, the closing night of the bazaar, Almas Temple Patrol, with its oriental band, Potentate Estes and his divan will make a pilgrimage to this city from Washington. The "pote" will pose, the band will play and the patrol will drill. All the nobility is invited to attend. Free transportation has been furnished by the Alexandria brethren. The only requisite is that each noble attending must positively wear a fez. Evening clothes are, of course, to be preferred, but the fez is necessary.

Orient Commandery, No. 5 will also attend the Alexandria Masonic bazaar Friday evening.

Supper will be served at Armory Hall each evening during the bazaar at 6 o'clock. There will also be dancing every night. 237-3t.

NOTICE SOMETHING CHEAP

While it lasts, 50 cords of first class cedar kindling wood at DeW. Aitchison's, 107 south Royal Street. Both phones. 239-6t.

It will Pay Advertisers to Watch The Gazette—Its Circulation is Climbing each day.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mr. A. C. Morse and family are visiting Mrs. Morse's parents in Staunton, Va.

Gordon Thomas has sold to Ella L. F. Davis, six houses and seven lots on the west side of Columbus street, between Oronoco and Pendleton.

Mr. George Nail's and Miss Honora Crowley were married on Saturday last at the rectory of Grace Church, by Rev. Edgar Carpenter.

William Meade, a senior at the Seminary, is in charge of the service of Grace Episcopal Church southwest, Washington.

The Bible class led by Judge Louis C. Barley, in Christ Episcopal Church yesterday morning attracted an initial attendance of 27 men. Others have promised to attend.

At a meeting of the men of St. Paul's Episcopal Church yesterday morning it was decided to form a Bible Class. A leader has not yet been selected.

It was announced in all the Episcopal Churches yesterday that Bishop Gibson has agreed to come to Alexandria about the middle of November to confirm the large class of communicants each of the three churches have ready. The date will probably be the twelfth.

Tickets for the excursion to Charlottesville, to hear Gypsy Smith, jr., on October 20th, may be obtained from the following members of the Laymen's League, who have in charge the necessary arrangements: Samuel W. Pitts, George K. Bender, J. H. Trimyer, George H. Evans, Frank T. King, Judge L. C. Barley, Bishop Arnold, William H. Melchoir and Harry W. Wade. The tickets are on sale also at Allen's and Watfield's Drug Stores. The train will leave the Union Station at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Parent Teachers' Association of the Lee School will hold an important meeting this evening at Lee School building at 8 o'clock.

Delegations from the two councils of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics will leave this afternoon to attend the state convention of that order at Lynchburg, which will be in session on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thieves Saturday night broke into the house of H. H. Blunt, at Acetotink, Fairfax county, and stole \$8 in cash, two watches and a pistol.

NO TRUTH IN THE REPORT.

Evangelist Gypsy Smith, jr. is Alive and Well

The Gazette is glad to be able to state that there is no truth whatever in the report that Gypsy Smith, jr. was taken ill and suddenly dropped dead in Charlottesville today.

Inquiries were made of the Gazette over the phone at one o'clock this afternoon, asking if the report were true, stating that such a rumor was heard on the streets here.

In order to ascertain the facts the editor of the Daily Progress at Charlottesville was immediately called on the phone. He said:

"No, there is no truth in it. Mr. Smith, was in this office about an hour ago as well as ever."

It is known that Mr. Smith, was suffering somewhat from the effects of his strenuous campaign in Alexandria, but it was supposed that he had practically recovered from it, consequently the report heard today came as a great shock to the many friends he made while here. Where it came from or how it originated is not known.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Alexandria Water Company will be held at the office of the Company, 111 North St. Asaph St., on Monday, November 6th, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock for the election of officers and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting. 239-22t. GEO. UHLER, Secretary.

J. T. Preston's selection as trustee of the First Baptist Church, was confirmed by the Corporation Court today. He takes the place of J. T. Harrison, resigned.

The Rev. Dr. J. W. Duffey, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, south, in two special services in the church yesterday, received 70 new members.

In the Circuit Court in vacation today the will of the late Jane R. Brown was admitted to probate. The testatrix left her house in this city to her daughter, Elizabeth Vidcar, during her life. At her death it goes to the grand-daughters of the testatrix, Rebecca Fortune and Mary Contee.

In both the Protestant and Catholic churches of Alexandria on next Sunday, special collections will be taken up for the benefit of the Syrians and Armenians who have suffered as a result of the War. The movement here is under the auspices of the Alexandria Chapter of the Red Cross, but Governor Stuart has also made a State-wide proclamation asking that all churches make a similar effort for money for the fund.

Miss Marietta French Simpson will give an address on Egypt in the Methodist Protestant Church, on Tuesday night at 7:30. The speaker is a daughter of the late Henry P. and Etta Steiner Simpson of this city. She has been a missionary in Fayoum, Egypt, for the past ten years returning to this country at the beginning of the present European War. As the needs are very pressing for missionaries, she will sail on Saturday the 21st from New York to resume her work in the orphanage of which she is matron. She is stopping with Mrs. C. E. Ludwig on Braddock Heights.

Chief Goods and Sergeant Scott broke up a gambling party last Saturday night in a house on the north side of King street, between Pitt and St. Asaph streets. Six men who were engaged in a game of cards were taken to the station house, where collateral was left for the party. They failed to appear when their names were called this morning, and forfeited the same. The officers confiscated the "pot," \$11, and a pack of cards.

Mrs. Wm. Rathborn Smith, of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, with her three children, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, on Duke street.

\$700 WORTH OF JEWELRY

Strange Negro Taken in Custody Today While in Act of Pawn-ing Valuables at Heidenheimer's

Shortly before noon today a negro entered the pawnbroker's shop of H. Heidenheimer, on King street, near Pitt and drew from his pockets several rings, stickpins, a gold necktie clasp, gold-handled knife, gold watch and chain, etc., for the purpose of getting advances upon the same. The proprietor, after gazing at the display, touched a button without attracting the negro's attention which set off a burglar alarm at police headquarters. In a few minutes Officer William Campbell appeared and took the negro in custody and gathered up the valuables. Upon reaching the station house the negro gave his name as Ben Jones, and claimed Atlanta, Ga., as his home.

A telephone message was sent to Washington, as it was learned that Jones came to Alexandria from the capital city, and about an hour later Detective Horn appeared at the station house took charge of the darky, and conducted him to Washington. Diamonds, rubies and pearls composed the settings of the rings and pins, their value with that of the watch and other articles approximating \$700.

Rev. Ira R. Hicks, 71, editor and publisher of the Almanac bearing his name and widely known for his weather predictions, died yesterday in St. Louis, of pneumonia.

The Bible Class of Captain Frank L. Slaymaker, in the Presbyterian Church, meeting at 9:45 o'clock each Sunday morning, was yesterday attended by 27 men.

The Rev. O. W. Triplett, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, will speak each night this week in Centennial Baptist Church, Washington, in a series of Evangelistic meetings being conducted by the Rev. E. Hez Swem.

The new Sunday School of the Disciples Church now being organized in the old First Presbyterian Church, met yesterday afternoon with Albert G. Hopkins, as superintendent. Following this the Rev. Robert W. Stancill preached on "The Church of Christ."

Delegates from the two councils of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics left the city this afternoon for Lynchburg, Va., to attend the State convention of that Order. They are: R. L. Merchant and S. A. Forrest, and J. F. Pettit, who is a State officer, of James W. Jackson Council, and Albert Harding and Andrew J. Hall, of Belle Haven Council.

Among the subjects which will be brought up for consideration at the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce this evening will be the improvement of the Little River turnpike, in which Alexandrians have been asked to work in conjunction with the Fairfax county authorities. Another question which will probably be taken up is the proposed construction of a drawbridge across the Potomac river at Metomkin Point, over the Rappahannock near Laytons and over the York river near Yorktown, Va., for a railroad to connect the cities of Newport News and Washington, for which a public hearing has been called to be held at Baltimore on Thursday of this week.

The interior of the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum Hall on Duke street is being improved and when the work is completed it is expected that the plans for organizing a dramatic club will be carried out for the purpose of presenting several plays during the coming winter months.

The Del Ray Methodist Church which had been closed for repairs was opened yesterday. The seating capacity of the auditorium has been increased so that at least three hundred people may be accommodated and the society is reported to be in the most flourishing condition in its history.

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

Organized at St. Paul's Church Sunday Morning.

At a largely attended meeting of the men of St. Paul's Church, held at the parish hall, Sunday morning an association was formed to be known as the Laymen's League of St. Paul's Church. Dr. Geo. T. Klipstein was elected president, Urban S. Lambert, vice president, C. Phillip Heishley, secretary and Geo. Washington Lewis, treasurer. Mr. Geo. H. Evans will be corresponding secretary and Mr. Sherma B. Fowler, organist.

Besides doing the laymen's work of the church, the members will form an adult Bible class, which will meet every Sunday morning in the parish hall at 9:45. It is also planned that courses of lectures will be arranged to be given out on stated evenings of the week to which the Ladies Bible Class and other church societies and the public will be invited.

All the men of St. Paul's Church are earnestly invited to join the League, and will be assigned to that branch of the work which most appeals to them. A special invitation is extended to any of the men of the city, who are not already identified with other church organizations, to join in the work of the league and its Bible study.

A motorless monoplane, capable of reaching a height of 12 miles, out of range of gunfire, is the proposition that A. V. Wilson, of Bar Harbor, Me., will place before the national advisory board of aviation this month.

ALEXANDRIA MUSEUM

Most of an Interesting Collection of Relics Destroyed By Burning of The City Hall in 1871

Comparatively few of the present generation are aware of the fact that there was in by-gone years an institution known as the Alexandria Museum. One night in May 1871, when the City Hall was on fire, every effort was made to preserve the city's archives and other valuables, and to keep the flames away from the steeple. Despite all precautions and labor, however, the fire eventually entered the steeple, which, acting as a chimney, the structure was soon a burning column. It began to stagger, and the thousands of our people who were watching the progress of the conflagration saw the steeple, which had been standing before any of them had been born, fall into Royal street with an awful crash. A cry of horror came up from the multitude and some wept. The Alexandria Museum with most of its contents was the next prey of the flames.

The Alexandria Museum was situated in the City Hall. It had its origin in Alexandria Washington Lodge of Masons, but the relics becoming too numerous to be placed at advantage in the lodge room, ninety-nine years ago this December a committee of Masons made application to the City Council for permission to place most of the articles of interest which had been gathered for years in a room in the City Hall. A room in the third story was fitted up for the purpose, and in a short time the Alexandria Museum was one of our honored institutions, and continued to be for three-score years.

We have not the room to give a list of the many curious and interesting articles in this museum. It can be found in "The Lodge of Washington," a book published by the late F. L. Brockett. A. A. Uhler later brought the history down to the close of the nineteenth century.

Among the articles which appeared in this museum was one which attracted probably less attention than most others. The larger number of relics were of revolutionary days in the United States as well as of those in France, and the eyes of visitors were generally riveted on them. Comparatively few people came to Alexandria in those days, and the number of tourists who visited us in a year might be counted upon the fingers. But few of this class ever heard of the Alexandria Museum, and visitors to it were few and far between.

The curiosity we refer to was a wooden cross composed of three thousand pieces. It was made by a prisoner in the city jail, and after his release it was placed in the museum. While composed of three thousand pieces, but few were of the same size. They ranged all the way from matches up to pieces as thick as a man's arm. Fragments of shingles, lathes, wooden match boxes of that day, in fact any pieces of wood, large or small the man could secure entered into the composition of this cross. After he had finished it, he smoothed it off with a clasp knife, sandpapered it and finally varnished this emblem of Christianity. It then would have been taken for one solid piece.

The stranger who constructed this curiosity had been arrested on suspicion of committing a crime, and as it was believed positive evidence against him would be procured eventually. None was found, however, and he was finally set free.

The writer has often thought that this relic of bygone days might be taken figuratively by all. Cross-bearers have been in the world ever since man was placed upon it. This relic of the days of the Caesars was at the dawn of the Christian era as ghastly an object as the gibbet of our day. It, however, soon became an emblem for the followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene, and continues to be. Our crosses, like that described above, are composed of many pieces. Some (our petty worries) are as matches; others are

TO HAVE PYTHIAN HALL

Old El Dorado House, on Cameron Street, Purchased by Lodge in Alexandria for the Purpose

It is stated by members of the order that the Knights of Pythias of Alexandria have purchased the building known as the El Dorado House, on the north side of Cameron street, near Royal, and that upon the site they will erect Pythian Temple.

This structure has been a landmark of Alexandria for many years. It was for a long time owned by the late Sanford Brown, who conducted a public house there. At his death it was continued as a public house for a short time, but later used for divers purposes. A stranger came to this city several years ago and pretended that he was about to change the building into manufactory. This ended in a dream, and recently it formed one of several second hand stores.

The Pythians of Alexandria have held their lodge meetings at several places during the half century the order has existed here. They first met in Phenix Hall, northwest corner of King and Royal streets, and later removed to the German Building, part of which is now the Lozano dry goods store. Another lodge of the order met in the upper story of L. Ruben's building, northwest corner of King and St. Asaph streets. Mechanics' Lodge, the first in Alexandria was subsequently disbanded, and Oriental Lodge, which flourished from the days of its inauguration, has for some time met in what is known as Pythian Hall, on the east side of Pitt street, near King. The many friends of the order will be glad to know that it is now to have a building of its own.

BURGUNDY HOME BURNED

Loss Estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000—City Firemen Called There Last Night

The city firemen were called to Burgundy warm, three miles west of Alexandria, early last evening by a fire which destroyed the dwelling house occupied by George F. Ziler and family. Water was pumped from an artesian well and the chemical engine was used by the firemen but the flames had gotten under such headway that little could be done to save the property. Neighbors assisted in saving most of the contents of the house.

The firemen risked their lives in entering the burning building. They succeeded in getting out the telephone which was fastened to a tree. It is estimated that the loss will aggregate between \$15,000 and \$20,000 which is partially covered by insurance. For many years Burgundy was the home of the late Thomas Walsh. It was later sold to H. H. Weaver who had recently disposed of it to Mr. Ziler. The origin of the fire is not definitely known. One report says it was from a defective flue.

See it Tomorrow Evening

The "Scarlet Runner", which will be shown at the Richmond-theater tomorrow night comes highly recommended. In it Christopher Race, dare-devil society club man, starts the unique experience of earning his own living. Tired of his idleness and extravagance, his uncle casts him off with the burning taunt that he can't even gather cigarette money. Race now turns to one thing he knows well in life—his high powered mile-a-minute flier, "Scarlet Runner". This automobile he converts into a public conveyance. The adventures that befall him and his car are packed with "zip," jammed with ginger and red-blooded romance. As may be imagined it is an automobile story, full of life and exciting scenes.

Delicious fried oysters at the Ramo Cafe, Royal Street.

light (pieces of lathes or shingles); but some are heavy and they often chafe. They all, however, form one composite piece with individual names upon them, and are inseparable from the the crown of glory promised all who bear their crosses patiently.